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PROGRESS OF SAKHALIN COAL MINES DISAPPOINTING

POOR MANAGEMENT BLAMED FOR PRODUCTION LAG -- Sovetskiy Sakhalin, 26 Oct 48

The coal industry of Sakhalin Oblast, principal source of power for the railroads and electric power stations, has achieved some notable successes. All enterprises of the "Uglegorskugol" Trust completed their 1948 plan in August, all mines of the "Aleksandrovugol" Trust completed their 10-month plan, and the "Mgachi" Mine of the latter trust completed its 1948 plan. However, the coal industry on the whole is operating unsatisfactorily, especially mines situated near the railroad line and the larger mines of the oblast, i.e., the "Dolinsk" Mine, "Yuzhno-Sakhalin" Mine, and Mine No 4 of the "Kholmskugol" Trust.

Poor management is the main reason for the unsatisfactory operation of the Sakhalin coal mines. Existing coal reserves are poorly exploited and serious organizational mistakes are made. Also, the extent of the working front in the mines is constantly decreasing, thus making it more difficult to extract coal. Mines of the "Makarovugol" Trust are completing their plan for coal production only 30-40 percent. Labor productivity is very low and must be increased if plans are to be completed. Mechanization must be considerably increased, work organization improved, and skilled workers trained.

Thousands of workers who had never before worked in mines were taken into the Sakhalin coal industry this year. Training this labor group has been a disappointing process. The plan for training semiskilled workers has been completed only 62 percent, individual brigade training 42 percent, and the number of skilled laborers has increased only 25.7 percent. In the Yuzhno-Sakhalin Mine, the plan for training semiskilled workers was completed 16.3 percent, and only 13 workers have been given brigade training.

In spite of the shortage of skilled workers, the latter are often used very inefficiently. For example, in mines of the "Makarovugol" Trust, face cutters spend 40 percent of the time doing other work, loaders 25 percent, and drillers 49 percent.

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Equipment and machines are poorly utilized in mines of Sakhalin Oblast. Only 9 of 31 cutting machines and 372 of 653 pneumatic drills are used in the "Sakhalinugol" Combine. In the "Makarovugol" Trust, not one of 109 pneumatic drills is used. The scraper and belt conveyors are used 50 percent of the time.

Too little emphasis is placed on socialist competition, and the Communist miners are not properly distributed in key sopts. In Mine No 4 of the "Kholmskugol" Trust only one third of the Communists work underground, and in Dolinskiy Rayon, only 2 of 33 Communists work underground.

Production cost of coal is higher than planned in a majority of the mines, and in the first 9 months of this year, the "Sakhalinugol" Combine lost 19 million rubles because of increased production costs.

The following mines and trusts under the Ministry of the Coal Industry of the Eastern Regions of the USSR [prior to January 1949] in Sakhalin Oblast were identified in 1948 newspapers as indicated below:

"Makarovugol" Trust

Mine No 1	Sovetskiy Sakhalin, 30 Apr 48
Mine No 3	Sovetskiy Sakhalin, 30 Apr 48
"Dolinsk" Mine	Sovetskiy Sakhalin 30 Apr 48
Mine No 4/6	Molodaya Gvardiya, 8 Oct 48
Mine No 1/4	Sovetskiy Sakhalin, 12 Mar 48
Mine No 1/3	Sovetskiy Sakhalin, 12 Mar 48
Vakrushevo	Sovetskiy Sakhalin, 12 Mar 48
Mine No 7	Zvezda, 14 Nov 48
Mine No 14	Novaya Zhizn', 12 Apr 48
	Molodaya Gvardiya, 29 Aug 48

"Kholmskugol" Trust

Mine No 1-3	Zarya, 3 Jul 48
"Pervomayskaya" Mine	Zarya, 3 Jul 48
"Yuzhno-Sakhalin" Mine	Molodaya Gvardiya, 27 Aug 48
Mine No 8/9	Molodaya Gvardiya, 29 Aug 48
Mine No 10	Molodaya Gvardiya, 29 Aug 48
"Gornozavodskaya" Mine	Sovetskiy Sakhalin, 24 Jun 48
Mine No 1/3	Sovetskiy Sakhalin, 15 Jan 48
Mine No 5/6	Sovetskiy Sakhalin, 22 Feb 48
Mine No 4	Sovetskiy Sakhalin, May 48
	Sovetskiy Sakhalin, May 48

"Aleksandrovskugol" Trust

"Makar'yevka" Mine	Sovetskiy Sakhalin, 12 Mar 48
"Mgachi" Mine	Molodaya Gvardiya, 29 Aug 48
"Oktyabr'skaya" Mine	Molodaya Gvardiya, 29 Aug 48
	Sovetskiy Sakhalin, 5 Aug 48

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"Uglegorskugol'" Trust

"Udarnaya" Mine

"Shakhterskaya" Mine

Mine No 1-2

Mine No 15

Mine 4-6

Mine No 1/2

Mine No 16/17

Molodaya Gvardiya, 26 Mar 48

Molodaya Gvardiya, 26 Mar 48

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Molodaya Gvardiya, 17 Oct 48

Sovetskiy Sakhalin, 19 Sep 48

Trud, 31 Aug 47

Sovetskiy Sakhalin, 30 May 48

Sovetskiy Sakhalin, 29 Aug 48

Affiliation of the following mines was not mentioned:

Mine No 10/13

"Tel'novsk" Mine

"Tikhmenevo" Mine

Sovetskiy Sakhalin, 23 May 48

Sovetskiy Sakhalin, 6 May 48

Sovetskiy Sakhalin, 12 May 48

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